



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 16th May 2025



## This week's Gospel

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you must also love one another."*

John 13:31-35

## A message from Mrs Rawlinson

I would like to extend a huge congratulations to all our Year 6 children for their outstanding attitude and incredible hard work during SATs week. They approached each day with determination, focus, and a positive mindset, demonstrating resilience and a strong commitment to doing their best - personal qualities that are not measurable tests but are important in life.

We are immensely proud of how they supported one another and handled the challenge with such maturity and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 6 - you've truly shown what you're capable of!

Thank you to all the staff involved in preparing the children and the resources ready for such an organised week. Thanks also to Michelle (cook) for helping to provide the children with breakfast.

## High School transition taster day for year 5

We all know that St. Thomas of Canterbury is a very special place. Well, we are even more special as we are actually a feeder school for two high schools; De La Salle and St. Augustine's.

I think we are the only primary school in St. Helens in this situation.

St. Augustine's Catholic Academy have emailed me this week with the following information for parents of Year 5 children:

*Good afternoon, I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity at St Augustine of Canterbury for all of your Year 5 pupils to visit us on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025.*

*We will be offering a full day of activities, lessons and experiences, delivered by our teaching staff.*

*None of our learners will be on site as school will be closed for an Inset Day. This will give us plenty of capacity to use all of our rooms and facilities exclusively for Year 5 students.*

*We are hoping that parents would be able to drop off and pick up their child from our school on the day as we are unable to provide transport.*

*At the moment I just need an expression of interest and approximate numbers by Friday 23rd May so I can begin to plan the day.*

So as you can see, I have to reply to the email by next Friday with approximate numbers showing interest. If you wish your child to attend this taster day, could you please let me know via email by Thursday, 22nd May so I can let St. Augustine's know (lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk)

Many thanks.

## Growing Together in God's Love

### MAY PROCESSION

Next Friday, we will be celebrating our May Procession at church at 11.00am.

We are asking that Year 4 children wear their Communion outfits for this occasion and to bring flowers to present to Our Lady at the start of Mass.

Our Lady will be crowned by Alfie in Year 6 and Joseph in Reception.

All children can bring their Rosary Beads if they have any.

As always, we will need volunteers to help escort the children safely to and from church. If you can help, please come to school for 10:30am. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

### PATHS information session for Parents

Many thanks to the parents who attended the PATHS session on Tuesday. It was a lovely afternoon and full of useful information regarding what is being taught in school about emotional regulation, social awareness and self control. Lisa (from Barnardo's) explained the programme and how parents can use the strategies at home to support children's emotional well being.

Lisa was delighted with the positive responses received from the session and has asked if parents who attended could scan the QR code to give feedback. Thank you.



### Fundraising for a bench for Pope Francis

Maisie and Emily from Year 4 decided it would be a great idea to have a bench installed outside of church dedicated to Pope Francis. Fr. Michael supports this project and our Mini Vinnies are now actively involved too. Last week they were tasked with creating some fundraising ideas and they have asked for an art afternoon.

**So, to help raise funds for the bench, there will be an art afternoon on Friday, 23rd May for a donation of 50p per child.**

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies for their enthusiasm and great ideas.

### Catholic Social Teaching in action

At school we actively teach the importance of Catholic Social Teaching and how we can help others who are less fortunate than ourselves. This message is important for the children to hear as they really do care for others and want to help. This has been evidenced by the some of the children in Year 5 who have spent several weeks making bracelets to sell at home time today. The children decided that the money raised today is to be donated to Willowbrook, one of the charities supported by school over the course of the year. Following this example, two boys from year 6 decided to help the British Heart Foundation by selling pocket money toys too.

(My apologies to the children for the misinformation in last week's newsletter).

Well done to all the children involved in this very thoughtful act of solidarity.

## Growing Together in God's Love

### **Sports day**

The date set for sports day this year is

**Wednesday, 2nd July**

Lets hope for good weather!

**Nursery and Reception Classes will start at 9.10am.**

**Children from Year 1 & Year 2 will start their sports day events at 10.30am.**

**Children from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 will start their sports day events at 1pm.**

We look forward to seeing as many parents and grandparents, who are able to attend, to cheer on the children!

### **PTFA summer fayre**

**This year the summer fayre will be held on Friday, 27th June**

In preparation, there will be non-uniform days held on

**Friday, 13th June and Friday, 20th June**

Information regarding the types of donations requested on the non-uniform days will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you.

### **Raffle Prizes for summer fayre**

The summer fayre raffle is a big part of the fundraising and it is fast approaching so if any parents/ grandparents of the school are able to offer a raffle prize or know of any contacts who could help with this, we'd really appreciate it. Any products we can raffle or vouchers/tickets would be great. Any raffle prizes can be left at the office or passed on to a member of the PTFA.

Thank you for your support.

### **Primary School Admissions for September 2025**

We do have a few spaces available in our Reception Class for the September 2025 intake.

If you know of any families who would be interested or would like any further information regarding these places,

please contact the school office on telephone number

01744 621380

### **Nursery Admissions for 2025 & 2026**

We still have 30 hour and 15 hour funded places available in our Nursery for September 2025

for children who turn three before

**31st August 2025.**

**We are also taking applications for 2026 nursery places**

If you would like any further information regarding nursery places, funding entitlements or to pick up application forms, please contact the school office on telephone

number

01744 621380

## Growing Together in God's Love

### **Important Dates for your Diary**

#### **May**

- 22nd - Year 6 personal awareness session with Judo Education during school time
- 23rd - May Procession (11am)
- 23rd - end of half-term (school closes for Whit holiday)

#### **June**

- 9th - School re-opens (8.40am)
- 11th - Y5/Y6 visit to Edgehill
- 11th - Reception New Intake Meeting (2.15pm)
- 13th - First non-uniform day for summer fayre donations
- 13th - Y4 start swimming sessions (each Friday until 18th July)
- 13th - EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Father's Day Assembly (2.30pm)
- 16th - Parents Forum (4.45pm)
- 17th - Year 6 Leavers photographs (Academy photography)
- 19th - School Nurse Health Drop In Session (8.30-9.30am)
- 20th - Second non-uniform day for summer fayre donations
- 20th - Year 5 & 6 attending performance of a Winters Tale at De La Salle (pm)
- 24th - Road safety awareness workshops (whole school)
- 24th - Nursery September new intake meeting (3.30pm)
- 27th - PTFA summer fayre (starts 3.30pm)

#### **July**

- 2nd - School Sports Day (see schedule in newsletter)
- 7th - Year 6 De La Salle Transition week (all week)
- 15th - Y6 Crocky Trail Trip
- 15th - Rock Steady Summer Concert (2.15pm school hall)
- 17th - Y6 Leavers Performance (time TBC)
- 18th - End of school year mass (church 11am)
- 21st - Nursery end of year celebration assembly (9.30-10.30am)
- 21st - Y6 end of year awards night
- 22nd - End of Summer term (school closes at 1.30pm)

### **Attendance**

**For week ending Friday, 16th May 2025 the whole school attendance is 97.3%**

Reception = 99.26%

Year 1 = 95.5%

Year 2 = 98.5%

Year 3 = 98.4%

Year 4 = 94.9%

Year 5 = 95.3%

Year 6 = 99.6%





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**CONTACT Nick:**

07738 959903

# Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins

Come along to one of our drop in sessions in St Helens.

Our team will answer questions you have about the neurodevelopment pathway process.

You don't need to be using our service, you can drop in if you have any questions to ask about this.

We look forward to meeting you.

**Second Tuesday of the month at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub 1pm to 4pm\*.**

**Third Tuesday of the month at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.**

**Fourth Tuesday of the month at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.**

\*Please note, on Tuesday 8 July the session will be held at Sutton Family Hub 1pm to 4pm only.

**13 May** at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**10 June** at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**8 July** at Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**20 May** at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**17 June** at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**15 July** at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**27 May** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**24 June** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**22 July** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

Sutton Family Hub, Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 3PY

Parr Children's Centre, Ashton's Green Drive, Parr, St Helens, WA9 2AP

Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

Newton Family Hub, Patterson Street, Newton-le-Willows, St Helens, WA12 9PZ



## Growing Together in God's Love

We are thrilled to announce an upcoming event that promises to be both fun and beneficial for our community - the **Smile Squad**. This initiative is a collaborative effort between St Helens Family Hubs, the University of Liverpool, School of Dentistry, and St Helens Wellbeing Service (CHCP), aimed at promoting early years oral health care.

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday 4th June 2025
- **Time:** 10.00am to 2.00pm

**Location:** Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street (off Peter Street), St Helens WA10 1QF

**What will the Smile Squad team do?** A Smile Squad team member will conduct a brief oral health check for each child. This check will not replace the usual dental check-up, but it will help identify if further assessment is needed. We can also assist families who do not currently have a dentist. Our goal is to help ease children's dental anxiety and ensure they receive the care they need.

### Additional Activities:

- Tips and tricks for maintaining healthy teeth and gums, provided by the Smile Squad team and St Helens Wellbeing Service (CHCP).
- Free samples of toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Meet and greet with Croc-o-Smile and Captain Tuck, our friendly mascots.

**Why are we doing this?** Healthy teeth are essential for a child's well-being and development. Tooth decay and sore teeth are preventable, and we understand that accessing dental care can be challenging for some families. This event aims to bridge that gap and provide valuable resources and support.





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## Themed Activities

**Wet  
Wednesday  
returns**



### COST

£25 per day standard day 9am-4pm

£35 extended day 8.30am-5.30pm

10% sibling discount



### LOCATION

St Mary's Birchley  
Catholic Primary School,  
Birchley Road, Billinge  
WN57QL



### DATE

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup>  
May 2025**



Our staff all hold professional qualifications and an enhanced DBS.  
We go out of our way to ensure a personal and special day.